

# **Cherwell District Council**

## **Council**

**17 July 2023**

### **Appointment of Representative to the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

#### **Report of Assistant Director Law and Governance & Monitoring Officer**

This report is public

#### **Purpose of report**

To change the Cherwell District Council representative on the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC).

#### **1.0 Recommendations**

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To appoint Councillor Lesley McClean as the Cherwell District Council representative on the Joint Oxfordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

#### **2.0 Introduction**

- 2.1 The Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is the Committee through which Oxfordshire County Council discharges its responsibility to review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health services in its area.
- 2.2 The membership of HOSC includes 1 member from each district/city Council in Oxfordshire.
- 2.3 The appointment of a representative to HOSC is made by Council. This report is submitted for Council to agree to change the Cherwell District Council representative to HOSC.

#### **3.0 Report Details**

- 3.1 At the 23 May 2023 reconvened Annual Council Meeting, Councillor Lynn Pratt was appointed as the Cherwell District Council representative on the Joint Oxfordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. After the Full council meeting, the Leader of the council decided that as a Scrutiny function it would be more appropriate if the

Cherwell District Council representative was from the opposition party. The Cherwell District Council rep was thus offered to and subsequently agreed to by the Leader of the opposition.

- 3.2 The Leader of the Progressive Oxfordshire Group, Councillor David Hingley, has nominated Councillor Lesley McLean to be the council's representative on HOSC. Councillor McLean has confirmed she would be happy to accept the appointment.

## **4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1 Council appoints a representative to the Joint Oxfordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC). This report seeks agreement to change the council's representative to HOSC to be a member of the Progressive Oxfordshire group, in accordance with discussions between the Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Progressive Oxfordshire Group and the Chief Executive.

## **5.0 Consultation**

Conservative Group Leader, Councillor Barry Wood, and Progressive Oxfordshire Group Leader, Councillor David Hingley

## **6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 6.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

Option 1: Not to change the council's representative on the Joint Oxfordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This is not recommended as the change has been agreed with the Conservative and Progressive Oxfordshire Group Leaders and the current and proposed appointee.

Option 2: Not to appoint a representative to the Joint Oxfordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This is not recommended as Cherwell District Council would not be represented on this important Committee.

## **7.0 Implications**

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. Travel for members to attend meeting of external bodies they are appointed to is included within agreed budgets.

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### **Legal Implications**

7.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

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### **Risk Implications**

7.3 Through providing support for representatives and indemnity insurance the council has mitigated the risks posed through appointing members to partnerships and outside bodies.

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### **Equalities and Inclusion Implications**

7.4 There are no equalities and inclusion implications arising directly from this report.

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### **Sustainability Implications**

7.5 There are no sustainability implications arising directly from this report.

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## **8.0 Decision Information**

### **Key Decision**

**Financial Threshold Met: No**

**Community Impact Threshold Met: No**

### **Wards Affected**

All

### **Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework**

All

**Lead Councillor**

None

**Document Information****Appendix number and title**

- None

**Background papers**

None

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